

To FCC Commissioners:

I cannot begin to describe the hardship the proposed FCC rules requiring broadcasters to record and retain all programming 24/7 would pose for KSKA - public radio in Anchorage, Alaska.

The burden on KSKA will be enormous, taxing staff, resources, finances, equipment and program service. All current and future plans to produce programming to serve the audience and to fulfill our mission to "educate and inspire" would be replaced with the directive to "record and retain".

I respect the commission's regard for the audience and your concern that stations take seriously their responsibility to protect the air and provide quality programming. But the proposed rule to require stations to record and retain all programming is punitive and counterproductive.

Instead, I encourage the commission to support the reliable system of checks and balances that stations already have in place created to protect the air and serve the public and encourage the commission to penalize those individual stations who disregard their broadcasting obligations.

As you know, the vast majority of broadcasters have not forgotten our responsibility to protect the sacred trust with the public and consider it a privilege, not a right to be on the air.

Thank you for your consideration.

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